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In re Application of	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
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Application No. 09/624,850	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 25, 2000.	:	
Attorney Docket No.	:	
5181-55000	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed February 27, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of July 25, 2000. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

The application was filed on July 25, 2000. However, on September 14, 2000, Initial Patent Examination Division mailed a Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application (hereinafter "Notice"), stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of July 25, 2000, and advising applicants that Figures 2f - 22e described in the specification appeared to be missing.

In response, on October 5, 2000, applicant submitted a Preliminary Amendment and Response to Notice of Omitted Item(s) wherein Petitioner states that the references to Figures 2f - 22e in the specification are typographical errors and that no drawing was omitted. The Preliminary Amendment deletes references to Figures 2f - 22e in the specification.

Petitioner avers that he subsequently received a second Filing Receipt on February 12, 2001, indicating a new filing date of October 5, 2000¹.

Petitioners responds with the instant Petition. The petition argues that no new matter has been added, nor were any omitted

¹There is no record in the PALM database, nor in the file, of this Office having mailed the filing receipt on February 12, 2001. The PALM database, however, at the time this decision was written, reflect this application's filing date as October 5, 2001.

items submitted, thus the original filing date of July 25, 2000 should be retained.

Based on the statements made in the petition, which is signed by a registered practitioner, it appears that the references in the specification to Figures 2f - 22e are typographical errors and that no drawings containing Figures 2f - 22e were intended to be filed on July 25, 2000.

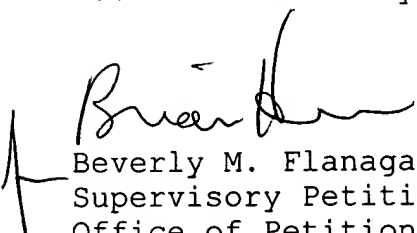
In view of the above, the petition is granted.

The petition is granted.

No petition fee is required and none has been charged.

The application will be returned to the Initial Patent Examination Division to issue a corrected Filing Receipt with a filing date of July 25, 2000. Thereafter the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2700 for further processing in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Derek L. Woods at (703) 305-0014.



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